

496 CAPTAIN GARRET'S WARNING TO THEM.  
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we doubted, at first, whether this was the same place 01 not.

At our entrance into this bay, our Captain having given order to his brother what to do, if any occasion should happen in his absence, was on his way, with intent to have gone aland with some few only in his company, because he knew there dwelt no Spaniards within thirty-five leagues of that place. [Santiago de] Tolou being the nearest to the eastwards, and Nombie de Dios to the westwards, where any of that nation dwelt.

But as we were rowing ashore, we saw a smoke in the woods, even near the place which our Captain had aforetime frequented; therefore thinking it fit to take more strength with us, he caused his other boat also to be manned, with -certain muskets and other weapons, suspecting some enemy had been ashore.

When we landed, we found by evident marks, that there had been lately there, a certain Englishman of Plymouth, called JOHN GARRET, who had been conducted thither by certain English mariners which had been there with our Captain, in some of his former voyages. He had now left a plate of lead, nailed fast to a mighty great tree (greater than any four men joining hands could fathom about) on which were engraven these words, directed to our Captain.

*CAPTAIN DRAKE!*  
 *F YOU fortune to come to this  
Port, make haste away! For the  
Spaniards which you had with  
you here, the last year, have  
bewrayed this place, and taken away  
all that you left here. I depart from  
hence, this present jth of July, 1572.  
Your very loving friend,*  
*JOHN  
GARRET.*

The smoke which we saw, was occasioned by a fire, which the said GARRET and his company had m'ade, before their departure, in a very great tree, not far from this which had the lead nailed on it; which had continued burning at least five days before our arrival.

This advertisement notwithstanding^ our Captain meant